

ABSTRACT

Before starting data recording/playback, a determination unit (13) determines whether data to be
5 recorded/replayed correspond to data to be recorded/replayed in real time or data to be recorded/replayed with accuracy, and transmits the determination result to a CPU (10). When it is determined that the data to be recorded/replayed correspond to data to be recorded/replayed with accuracy, the CPU (10)
10 decides to execute a process upon occurrence of an error during data recording/playback that involves performing retry operations a predetermined number of times to retry the data recording/playback operations on an error generated area. When it is determined that the data to be recorded/replayed
15 correspond to data to be recorded/replayed in real time, the CPU (10) decides to execute a process that involves ignoring an error that occurs during data recording/playback and proceeding with the recording/playback operations. Thus, before starting data recording/playback, it is possible to
20 decide an error process to be executed upon occurrence of an error during data recording/playback according to the type of the data that are to be recorded/replayed.